



FORESTRY NEWS



Happy New Year From A Prospective Young Forester!

Rarely do I get help in writing the Forestry News, however this month is an exception. A 10-year-old from Whiteriver Elementary School wrote most of this newsletter!

Denisia Massey and her classmates had a school assignment from their 4th grade teacher



Ms. Johana Lee. They had to write a persuasive paper about what they wanted to do when they grew up. Denisa wants to be a forester and she wrote a 2 1/2 page paper explaining why. All the words in italics are her own as is the life-size drawing of herself. Her green and yellow nomex uniform shows an interesting twist but is quite the fashion statement!

I heard about her paper and her drawing and went to meet this remarkable young lady. Her story begins: *"I want to be a forester. And I can have a better life and a good house.*



It will be cool living in California. And I want to be a forester because I can learn about pine trees and get paid a lot. I can come to be a forester because I will work every day." It sounds like she plans to work and study hard. She did some research for her paper and stated, *"The forester clears the forest all the time to protect from fire. I will make the reservation clean and beautiful. I can pick up trash around my street and the mountains and*

tell my friends to help me clean the world." Can you tell that she has big plans? She also stated, *"I would like to go around the world and put out fires. The foresters keep mother earth clean on the reservation every day so the land would not be trashy. I can go camping all around the world. And see how the world looks on the other side of it."* Denisia wasn't finished there. More research showed her that *"Conservation scientists manage, improve and protect the natural resources."* Remember, all this is from a 4th grader!



Looking to the future she states, *"I need a bachelor's degree in forestry, biology, natural resource management, environment sciences---will you help me?"*

I think that we will be hearing more from this young lady in the future. She is really planning ahead. Hopefully, everyone here will strive to help Denisia achieve her lofty dreams.

PREScribed BURNING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Fire Management personnel completed pile burning on 11,724 acres within the Hon-dah, Seven mile, Corduroy and Lofer burn units this Fall. This successfully cleaned up a lot of activity fuel generated during past harvest and fuel treatments.

As an additional benefit, Varnell Gatewood was able to complete all items in his task book to become qualified as a Burn Manager. Congratulations Varnell !

INTEGRATED NATURAL RESOURCES GROUP MEETING

The first INRG meeting for the year is scheduled this month for January 19, 2012 at 9 AM. Please contact Juliette Nabahe at (928) 338-5356 if you have particular natural resources topics that you would like to present or if you have any questions. It's never too early to start the planning process and to coordinate with others who can provide valuable input and insight.

